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- 1. Agfa Wolfen is now engaged in the production of high sensitivity films. They are being produced in 27/10 DIN and 30/10 DIN sizes, 35 and 36 mm. There is new production on a single emulsion color film. The dolor is produced by a color-carrier. Research is also going on on the British Dufay process, and is being held very secret.
- Production at the Boehlitz-Ehrenberg Ball-Bearing Factory showed no major alteration during the past month, remaining at about 500,000 bearings.

  Practically all materials now come from Poland, but many of them are of Swedish steel. Production for German use has climbed. The production of rocker bearings for the USSR was about 10,000 bearings under quota for March and April. During the same period, the percentage of rejections steadily increased.
- 3. Reconstruction and enlargement of the Carl Zeiss Jena plant is in progress. Production remains steady. The continuing shortage of light metals is being overcome by the use of plastics. There is still a bottleneck in spring steel, and no progress has been made in relieving the shortage of sheet brass. Production of field glasses during May was nearly 9,000 units, and during the same period about 2,000 range finder glasses were produced. Production of potentiometers was stopped. Production of sights continues, about 30 a month being turned out. Much effort is being made on the production of infra² filters. IHAGEE of Dresden is working on the same and making deliveries of glass to the factory. Production of microscopes and polarizers is unaltered. Nicol's prisms are being produced artifically. There are foreign orders for portable movie apparatus.
- 4. There are orders for 1,500 oil filters for tanks at the VEB Messgeraete Factory in Quedlinburg. Several hundred hot-wire instruments were produced. There are materials difficulties.
- 5. At the VEB GUS in Leipzig<sup>3</sup> about 12,000 track shoes for tanks were produced in May. During the same period 80 to 100 shell castings left the plant.

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## Comments:

- 1. Leipziger Kugellagerfabrik DKF of SAG Transmasch, Boehlitz-Ehrenberg near Leipzig.
- 2. Probably infrared filters.
- 3. Not further identified by source.
- 4. Possibly VEB Koffer-u. Lederwarenfabrik Zeitz, Weissenfelser Strasse 5, Zeitz, Saxony-Anhalt, is meant.

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